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REMARKS

In this response to the Restriction Requirement, Group I, product claims 1 - 10, are

elected without traverse. Applicant has herein amended claim 11, such that non-elected method

claims 11-13 now depend directly or indirectly on elected independent product claim 1. In view

of the amendment of claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11 - 13 should be

rejoined/examined with the Group I product claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination on the merits.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of

this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local

Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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